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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 3150126 dated January 19, 2001, together with an English language abstract;

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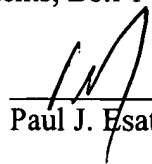
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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. TokkaiHei 8-110949 dated April 30, 1996, together with an English language abstract;
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. TokkaiHei 8-161491 dated June 21, 1996, together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. TokkaiHei 9-274656 dated October 21, 1997, together with an English language abstract;
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. Tokkai 2001-266133 dated September 28, 2001, together with an English language abstract;
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. Tokkaisyo 56-24675 dated March 9, 1981, together with an English language abstract; and
8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2776757 dated May 1, 1998, together with an English language abstract.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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